

The GEM wishes all its readers, advertisers and contributors a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - our next edition will be January 3, 2019.

Gemma writes a Christmas song of hope



Gemma Cooper with the league trophy won by the Gwaun Cae Gurwen Band.

A Maesteg woman with autism has written a Christmas song that has been shared across the world on social media, writes **TIM CHAPMAN**.

Gemma Cooper's composition has been viewed more than 52,000 times on the World Autism Awareness Day page on Facebook with dozens of supportive comments.

Gemma sings about what sort of gifts people are expecting on Christmas Day and how some people want the gift of acceptance.

Her mother Julie said: "Gemma is 22 years old and on the autism spectrum. She also has an intellectual disability, ADHD and epilepsy."

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Pencoe bikers deliver festive cheer



ABOVE: Pencoe Town Mayor Cllr Doug John (centre), members of the OAP club (front) and members of the Valley Commandos MC Ogwr Chapter.

THE Pencoe Old Motorcycle Club Age Pensioner's Club members arrived with gifts and good tidings were in for a festive surprise this year when members of the Ogwr Valley Commandos

donations of five large hampers, presenting every pensioner with a free raffle ticket. The winners' tickets were drawn by Pencoe Town Mayor Cllr Doug John. The bikers also offered help to any winner to carry the heavy hampers back home.

To the pensioners, Ogwr Valley Commandos president Tom said: "Please accept these hampers we have put together as part of our appreciation for everything you have all done over the many years. We are all part of this community and we want you to know our thoughts are always with you. From everyone here at the Valley Commandos, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

Lilian Davies, secretary of Pencoe OAPs, thanked the motorcycle club on behalf of members of Pencoe Old Age Pensioners, passing on their sincere and heartfelt gratitude for their generosity, adding that to receive such unsolicited gifts was a wonderful and welcome surprise.

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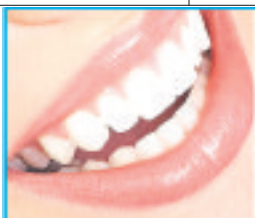
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Two men jailed after drugs worth £100,000 are seized

TWO men have been jailed following raids where officers seized more than £100,000 worth of drugs.

Stephen Edwards, aged 50 and David Morris, aged 58, both of North Cornelly, Bridgend were sentenced on Thursday (December 13) at Cardiff Crown Court.

Edwards was jailed for three years and nine months after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of class A – cocaine and possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of class A – heroin.

Morris was jailed for 16 months after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply class B drug – amphetamine. The court heard that officers raided three addresses in North Cornelly on June 21, 2018.

They found drugs in two of those addresses; Morris' home and another house linked to Edwards.

In total, the drugs found were estimated to have a street value of between £100,815 and £136,970. The majority of the drugs were found

on top of cupboards in two bedrooms of the house linked to Edwards.

In the home address of Morris, officers recovered a packet containing 14.5 grams of amphetamine with a purity of 53 per cent from a garage.

Detective Inspector Dean Taylor said: "Edwards and Morris worked together as an organised crime group who were involved in the large-scale supply of drugs in the Bridgend county borough area. Their imprisonment is a positive result for the community and sends out a message to those involved in this type of criminality."

"Officers discovered a large quantity of class A and B drugs during the investigation which, thankfully, will never make it onto our streets. Drug dealing will not be tolerated in Bridgend and we will continue to work with our communities and partners to disrupt and dismantle organised crime in our areas."

"If anyone has any information on drug supply then you can report it to us on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."



ABOVE:
Stephen Edwards.



ABOVE:
David Morris

Wurzels raise the roof for Prostate Cymru charity



Lyn Murray, trustee of the Prostate Cymru charity, receiving the cheque from Brian Harries, Pembrokeshire County Show President.

LYN Murray from Cowbridge, who founded the charity Prostate Cymru with her late husband Ray Murray, and the charity's chairman Andy Thomas, also a Cowbridge resident, was the representative for the charity in Haverfordwest recently.

Lyn collected a cheque on behalf of Prostate Cymru for £10,000 at the President's Ball of the Pembrokeshire

Agricultural Society.

The money was raised at an event in the summer when all the combine harvesters in west Wales were parked up for the night when 800 farmers and friends packed into the County Showground for a successful evening headlined by the legendary Wurzels.

Lyn has been instrumental this year in establishing a Friends Group in Carmarthenshire where she lives, and is looking to establish a Ladies Group of Supporters for Prostate Cymru in the Vale.

U3A's Christmas treat

ABOUT 130 people attended the Cowbridge U3A December meeting, held in the Christmas tree-becked Holy Cross Church where they were entertained by a five piece group from Tongwynlais Temperance Band.

The band was founded in 1888 by a few enthusiasts meeting in the home of a Tongwynlais resident. There was a thriving temperance movement in the village at the time and, following generous donations from local gentry, the Tongwynlais Temperance Silver Band was born.

The band moved out of Tongwynlais as recently as 2008 and is now based in Llandaff North, where it comprises around 25 musicians. It is one of the UK's leading brass ensembles, with numerous appearances at the National Brass Band Championship Finals



held in the Albert Hall.

The five young instrumentalists from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama played a selection of traditional Christmas carols, such as 'O Come, All Ye Faithful', 'Good King Wenceslas', 'The First Noel' as well as tunes focusing on more secular festive themes.

These included 'Jingle Bells' and 'Frosty the Snowman'. There were 31 musical pieces in total. The conclusion of

the entertainment was, aptly, 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'.

Unfortunately, the popular refreshments of mince pies, stollen and mulled wine which were then enjoyed didn't quite embrace the temperance theme of the afternoon!

The next Cowbridge U3A meeting will be a talk entitled 'Head

Hunters and Cannibals: five years in the Solomon Islands' by Rob Cumbe

at 2pm on Wednesday, January 9, in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments.

See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

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Car parking charges decision in new year

THE Vale Council will decide what action should be taken on car parking charges in the new year. A public consultation was held in the autumn.

Vale councillor Gwyn John told The GEM: "The consultation on car parking charges ended on September 28 and a joint scrutiny meeting in October was shown

the results of the consultation, which showed that 80 per cent of the residents of Llantwit Major voted against car parking charges.

"It is expected that the report will now show up in the new year. Residents can be assured that Llantwit First Independent Councillors will take up the challenge to oppose all charges aimed at Llantwit Major."

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Sarn and Bryncoch PACT meeting at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, January 7 at 7pm.

Ynysawdre PACT at Ynysawdre Community Hall on Tuesday, January 15 at 6.15pm.

Pyle, Cefn Cribwr and Cornelly PACT meeting at Pyle Life Centre on Thursday, January 17 at 6.30pm.

Bettws PACT meeting at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, January 24 at 2pm.

Blackmill PACT public meeting at Blackmill Community Centre on Tuesday, January 29 at 6.30pm.

Llangenor PACT public meeting at the Richard Price Centre, Llangenor on Wednesday, January 30 at 5.30pm.

Maesteg East, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd PACT at Cwm Calon Day Centre on Thursday, January 31 at 6pm.

If you have any non emergency issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team either by telephoning 101 or on the contact mobile telephone numbers or email address, issued on the 'Your Neighbourhood' section of South Wales Police website, www.south-wales.police.uk for your respective area.

COMMUNITY NEWS
TREES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
News and views from
Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan.
01656 860303.

LLANGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE children performed at their concert on December 11 with much enthusiasm, to the delight of their parents and invited visitors.

On December 18, the foundation phase pupils performed 'Mid Wife Crisis' and KS2 performed 'A Christmas Carol'.

The school is having a new play area installed in the grounds, thanks to the Friends of Llangan. The new equipment will include a jungle den pergola and peaceful new year.

and story telling chair. The school is grateful to the Friends who have raised funds for the project.

SARON CHAPEL
A Christingle service will take place at Saron on December 24 at 6pm when a warm welcome is extended to everyone.

ST MARY HILL CHURCH

A Christmas Day service takes place at St Mary's at 11.15am; all welcome.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL DECEMBER 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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23 Sun	06.32	10.1	18.58	10.2
24 Mon	07.12	10.3	19.46	10.4
25 Tues	08.07	10.3	20.34	10.2
26 Wed	08.54	10.1	21.24	9.9
27 Thur	09.46	9.8	22.13	9.5

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Bridgend drug dealer jailed for 32 months

A DRUG dealer caught as part of Operation Avalanche, the crack-down on the supply of Class A drugs, has been jailed.

Joanne Jones aged 29, of Bridgend, was last week jailed for 32 months for two counts of supplying a controlled drug of class A: heroin.

She pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing. Jones was arrested by officers as part of Operation Red Dragon which forms part of the force-wide Operation Avalanche to tackle criminality in south Wales. Three days of action involving 220 officers took place in the Vale of Glamorgan.



Joanne Jones.

and Bridgend last month. Cardiff Crown Court heard, Jones sold a wrap of heroin to a man. The officer also witnessed Jones selling a wrap of heroin to a man. Detective Inspector Dean Taylor said: "This is the fourth person to be sentenced following Operation Avalanche, a

large-scale operation to tackle the supply of class A drugs in Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan.

"We will not tolerate dealers operating within our area – and we are committed to disrupting and dismantling these organisations."

"We know the community have been concerned about drug dealing in Bridgend town centre and we hope this operation highlights our tough approach to tackling these issues."

If anyone has information regarding drug supply in Bridgend or the Vale of Glamorgan area you can contact us on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. South Wales Police

Plans made to help rough sleepers over winter months

PLANS to support rough sleepers in Bridgend this winter involve a breakfast run, an afternoon drop-in service and a floor space scheme, the local authority has said.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is working with local organisations such as the Wallich, the Zone, and Gwalia to provide a range of help and support.

In the mornings, a breakfast run will offer hot food and drink between 6.30am and 9am as well as sleeping bags, warm clothing, toiletries and other important items.

Between 9.30am and noon, a drop-in centre at The Wallich in Park Street will provide washing facilities and telephone and computer access.

An afternoon drop-in service will be available at The Zone in Dunraven Place between 1.30pm to 4.30pm during the week, and between

9am and 12 noon on Saturdays.

At night, the floor space scheme will provide a "safe, dry and warm place to sleep".

This is available between 8pm and 8am at The Elms in Bridgend Industrial Estate, with extended hours on Bank Holidays or if the weather becomes severe.

The floor space is allocated on a daily basis, and people can apply between 3pm and 5pm through the Gwalia Local Support Hub which is based at the Brackla Street Centre.

If anyone is concerned about a rough sleeper, they can alert the local authority by using the Street Link app available at streetlink.org.uk, or, to contact the 'housing solutions team', call 01656 643643 or email talktous@bridgend.gov.uk.

Liz Bradfield, local democracy reporter

Marathon man Daniel is all set to run for Malawi

A LOCAL man will run the London Marathon next April to help fund the work of a health clinic in Malawi.

Daniel Nadzo, a web designer, is known in Barry and Bridgend for his fundraising. He has already been involved in various charity events to help health projects in Africa, including 13 trips to Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge.

He said: "I've won a place on the London Marathon on April 28 and hope people and companies will sponsor me in raising money for the River Africa charity and its work with a reproductive health club on Chisi Island."

"I believe that no young girl should miss school or face abject poverty due to early pregnancy or a sexually transmitted disease such as HIV or AIDS. If that does happen, they face a future with no hope."

Mr Nadzo visited Chisi Island in 2015 and 2017 to see how the project was progressing and find out what support it needed.

He said: "I spoke to teachers, parents, community leaders and the children themselves. I fully appreciated their plight and was eager to help by raising as much money as possible for the local people. Around 30 girls are forced to abandon school every year due to early pregnancies. This keeps them and their families pinned down by poverty. The girls are left vulnerable and exposed, but this state of affairs is preventable."

He has uploaded a film, 'Reproductive health club Chisi Island', on YouTube for people to watch.

He is already in training for the marathon: "Last week was my first week of serious training. I did the Paris marathon last year so I'm used to the distance. I'm doing regular gym



sessions and on Sundays, I run at Margam Park."

Mr Nadzo has 18 sponsorship slots on his London Marathon running vest which he hopes local companies will buy up which are £190 a small slot, £250 the large one, but if someone wants to offer more, he stresses it is all for a good cause.

For more information, email Mr Nadzo at daniel@riverafrica.org.

TC

Appeal for RTC witnesses

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for witnesses to come forward following a road traffic collision in Bridgend.

Officers were called to a collision involving a Renault Kadjar car outside the Spar shop, on Brackla Way, Bridgend, shortly after 10.45am this morning (Thursday, December 13).

A 77-year-old woman who was a passenger was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital with serious injuries.

Brackla Way was closed for

investigative work to be completed, but has since been re-opened.

A force spokesperson said: "We are appealing for anyone who may have captured the collision on dashcam or any other device, to contact the Western Roads Policing Unit via 101, quoting reference 1800470155."

Officers would particularly like to hear from the driver of a silver Honda CRV type vehicle, who may have witnessed the incident.

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Christmas delight for Coity WI



Porthcawl Townswomens Guild News

HAPPY Christmas to you all!

We have enjoyed all our festivities. Our Christmas fair in aid of Porthcawl First Responders was successful and next month we will be presenting the cheque.

We went again to Bridgend Catering College for our Christmas lunch, which was a happy occasion.

We took part in the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints' Church and thanks go to Freda Rodger and Dee Richardson for their hard

work.

We welcomed Ceri Joseph to our last meeting telling us in her entertaining way of 'Famous Women in Welsh History' ending with Shirley Bassey singing her first hit song. That was a great way to end her talk and lead us on to our usual Christmas tea.

Our next meeting is on January 9 at 2pm at All Saints' Church Hall when Rev Teddy Kalongo will be describing 'Life in Zambia'. Do come along and welcome in the new year with us. You will be very welcome.

Dorothy Thomas

COITY WI gathered last week at the Coed y Mwstwr Hotel for their annual Christmas celebration dinner.

The ladies enjoyed a warm welcome from the manager and staff, who once again provided a delicious, festive feast. During the evening various members were thanked for playing their part in ensuring a wide range of activities are available to members throughout the year, in particular the Coity WI president, Lyn Giffiths.

Lyn organised the evening and presented the main raffle prize to Pat James.

Coity WI meet on the third Thursday of each month at Gilead Chapel Hall in Coity.

Community fund likely to end after 'mixed reactions'

A £285k fund which has enabled borough councillors in Bridgend to spend up to £5,000 each on community projects looks set to end next year with the money being transferred back into the general budget pot.

The Community Action Fund, which started in October 2017, has seen councillors use it for projects ranging from Christmas trees and scooter clubs to bus shelters and a memorial garden.

At a recent council meeting, officers said there were mixed reviews from councillors on their experience of the scheme.

Some said they found it difficult to find any organisations that wanted the money and said the application process needed to be simplified, while others said they had felt empowered to invest in their communities.

In a report which went before councillors at the audit committee on Thursday, December 13, officers said: "Given the level of budget reductions the council needs to make over the medium term, and pressures the authority is facing, consideration needs to be given as to whether this funding could be used more strategically as part of a larger budget benefiting all residents of the borough.

"This would involve discontinuation of the scheme and re-channelling the £285,000 into the medium-term financial strategy to alleviate other reductions in services."

The funding provided for an allocation of £5,000 for each member to allocate to their ward and £15,000 towards administration costs.

At the audit committee, issues were also raised over the "significant officer time" that was spent on processing the applications.

Senior officers, such as the monitoring officer and chief financial officer, said they had had to deal with "significant" queries which had not been envisaged when the scheme was approved.

These involved clarifying the financial and governance arrangements of grant applications and payment requests.

During the period of the scheme more than 150 projects were funded across the county.

Funding was restricted in that it could not be used for expenditure that was recurring and needed future funds.

It also could not be used for profit-making organisations or for political purposes.

Cabinet members will take the final decision over whether to stop the fund next year.

Liz Bradfield,
local democracy reporter.

CALAN benefits from donation



AT their recent pre-Christmas meeting, past president Sue Davies, on behalf of Bridgend Soroptimists, was delighted to present Katie Davies, regional manager of CALAN DVS, with a selection of goodies for distribution to residents at the Bridgend Refuge.

Katie thanked the club for their donation and said such generosity means so much to the

women and children who have fled domestic violence, as they will be able to celebrate the season and have some fun.

She emphasised that being in an unfamiliar place with strangers is incredibly stressful for children and CALAN DVS strive to provide not

only a safe home, but a nice home. The gifts will help staff make the refuge a positive experience.

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Sandville celebrates Christmas with meal and entertainment

Following a fundraiser, Caerau Men's Shed was able to make a cheque presentation to Sandville. IMAGE by PHIL DAVIES

CAERAU the entertainment. Community Caerau Men's Shed also got involved and host to Sandville Development played a few weeks before the Christmas meal, two of the members took the Tombstone Big Breakfast challenge and were able to present a cheque for £250 from Caerau Men's Shed to Sandville.

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Food waste campaign is aimed at Bridgend county borough schools

BRIDGEND county borough school children have the chance to design a poster to appear on local recycling trucks.

The aim is to teach young children how the county borough's recycled food waste is transformed into electricity.

Run by Recycle for Wales, in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), Wastebuster and Eco-Schools, the Bridgend Food Recycling Mission aims to get all Key Stage 2 students to learn how the county's recycled food waste is treated at the Agrivert anaerobic digestion plant in Stormy Down to create electricity.

Teachers are being invited to go online to register and download a pack which

includes curriculum-linked activities and lesson ideas, and there's a homework activity as well as the competition. The whole family can also take part in recording their 'unavoidable food waste' (food that can't be eaten but can be recycled such as banana peels and tea bags) in a food diary and discover how much energy could be produced using 'The Electrogenerator' - a fun online energy calculator - on the Mission's website.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "Bridgend county borough residents are already great recyclers - the county borough's recycling rate currently stands at 68.6 per cent, which is second only to the Isle of Anglesey in Wales. An impressive 75 per cent of residents recycle their food waste, and last year alone they recycled enough

food to power a whole school for four years.

When it comes to recycling, Wales' residents are leading the way with a national recycling rate of 63 per cent, which is the highest in the UK and third in the world.

Recycle for Wales' campaign manager, Catrin Palfrey, said: "I want to get as many local children as possible to join Captain Busta on this important mission and be in with a chance to win an out of this world prize."

Cllr Hywel Williams, the council's deputy leader, said: "We're really pleased to team up with Recycle for Wales to launch this recycling mission and explain the benefits of being green with our next generation of recyclers!"

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Convictions prompt county lines warning



Fouad Cilmi.



Saed Saeed

COUNTY lines gang members caught with drugs worth thousands in a south Wales street were jailed at Cardiff Crown Court last Thursday (December 13).

Saed Saeed, from Cardiff, and Fouad Cilmi, from Bristol, were arrested on August 8 after being stopped by armed officers. They were driving along Llantrisant Road, Beddau in a black Vauxhall Astra when officers spotted them and began to follow.

As the vehicle turned into Cwrt Castellau officers made their approach and signalled for them for them to stop. Saed Saeed tried to run away but was caught nearby, as was Cilmi, and both were taken into custody.

Thirty-one wraps of heroin, five wraps of crack cocaine and over a thousand pounds in cash was seized from their vehicle. The drugs had a street value of up to £10,000.

Saeed pleaded guilty to possessing class A drugs with intent to supply at an earlier court appearance and Cilmi pleaded guilty to the same charges on

the morning of his trial. The men were sentenced together at Cardiff Crown Court on December 13 - Saeed was sentenced to three years and Cilmi was sentenced to 44 months.

Detective Sergeant Tim Jones said: "The County Lines threat is very real and there is a drugs market in the valleys which organised gangs will always try to capitalise on. Generally speaking the gangs operate with a cold disposition for manipulating the most vulnerable members of our communities to generate money from selling drugs, and they have a propensity for violence."

"But if communities make a stand against this criminality by sharing information and reporting their suspicions this can be stopped - strong messages such as this one make it clear that they won't be tolerated by valleys communities who work with South Wales Police."

Anybody who suspects drug dealing is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 or they can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Bridgend Quiz League results

RESULTS for Monday, December 3:

Five Bells A 47, Tondur Railway Club 39; TyRisha Arms 46, Laleston Inn A 33; Mackworth Arms 42, Crown Maesteg 42; Oddfellows Arms 40, Six Bells Clangers 53; Laleston Inn B 47, Cabo Roche 33; Prince of Wales Coychurch 36, Five Bells B 38; Pheasant Gamekeepers 46, Chatterton Shunters 46.

Results from December 10: Cup: Cabo Roche 49, Five Bells A 55; Chatterton Shunters 51, Crown Maesteg 58; Tondur Railway Club 59, Six Bells Clangers 42; Penybont AFC Nomads 60, Prince of Wales Coychurch 33.

Plate: Ty Risha

Arms 53, Five Bells B 45; Laleston Inn B 60, Laleston Inn A 57; Oddfellows Arms 44, Mackworth Arms 60.

Division Two: Chatterton Shunters 14, Pheasant Gamekeepers 42, Laleston Inn B 12, Laleston Inn A 11, Cabo Roche 8, Six Bells Clangers 8, Five Bells B 4, Prince of Wales Coychurch 36, Five Bells B 38; Pheasant Gamekeepers 46, Chatterton Shunters 46.

Here are this week's teasers:

1. Where in Britain is the world's oldest aquarium? 2. What was last carried out in the UK on August 13, 1964? 3. What breakfast cereal was invented by Henry Perky in 1892?

Answers: 1. Brighton (1871); 2. The death penalty; 3. Shredded wheat.

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Marathon man to run for Malawi



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'Dementia villages' in Kenfig Hill

A project designed to raise awareness of the needs of people with dementia has been praised by Suzy Davies AM.

Mrs Davies said that the 'dementia villages' project, which covers Kenfig Hill, Pyle, Cefn Cribwr, Cornelly and Mawdlam, was helping people understand how those with dementia are affected.

Mrs Davies spoke to Louise Barham and Margaret Griffiths, who run the scheme and provide guidance sessions to local businesses and people to raise understanding of dementia.

She also visited Theo's charity shop, where some of the staff are 'dementia friends'. Others there hope to attain this status in the new year.

Mrs Barham said: "These sessions only last about 45 minutes and we have had a number of people from local shops and businesses attend. We hope to stage one every two months in 2019 but we know that this is not a finite project; it will never

come to an end because there will always be more people wanting to undergo these sessions."

Jane and Paul Hughes, who run the Kind Regards Greetings Cards shop in Waunbant Road, said they intend the shop to become dementia friendly in the new year.

Mrs Hughes said: "A number of our customers are elderly so we want to understand how they are affected by everyday things and events."

Mrs Davies said: "I have had training to become a dementia friend myself; it was very simple, but a complete eye-opener. This scheme is important for the community and if those who work in shops and other businesses are able to offer help to people who have dementia, then it's win-win."

JL

Severn tolls end



Drivers could travel for free across both the Prince of Wales Bridge and original Severn Crossing for the first time in 52 years from December 17.

The abolition of the tolls, following an announcement by the UK Government last year, comes as thousands of people are expected to make their journeys home for the festive period.

The tolls' removal, after some 50 years, will save regular commuters around £1,400 per year and provide an estimated annual boost of over £100 million for the Welsh economy.

AS

pay to cross over from England to Wales was the Welsh Secretary and Vale MP, Alun Cairns. Mr Cairns said: "The end of the tolls is a major milestone for the economies of south Wales and south west of England, and will remove historic barriers between communities."

Scrapping the tolls means an end to generations of people from the Vale paying to simply cross the border, and delivering this has been one of my key aims as Welsh Secretary.

"A week before Christmas drivers from Barry and the Vale will no longer have to pay every time they cross the border, meaning more money in their pockets, helping them with the cost of living and leaving them with and more cash to spend in their local areas."

Tolls have been charged on the Severn Crossings since 1966, and the final driver to

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Your Christmas refuse and recycling collections

There **WILL** be collections on Christmas Eve but there **WON'T** be any collections on Christmas Day or Boxing Day so everything will be picked up two days later than normal for the rest of the week up until Sunday 30 December.

Please recycle as much as possible so that only your left over Bits and Bobs end up in the bin.

Christmas cards and all food waste including your turkey carcass can be recycled, but wrapping paper cannot.

While residents are usually restricted to filling two bin bags each fortnight, each home will be permitted to put out one extra bin bag for their first refuse collection after Christmas Day to help accommodate all of the additional rubbish accumulated over the festive season.

Real Christmas trees can be recycled at the community recycling centres in Tythegston, Brynmenyn and Maesteg. They can also be taken to the Waterton Depot in Bridgend from 2 January onwards.



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Porthcawl Museum members stage a second vote (of the 1918 election!)



The results are declared by Tina Hathaway and Lesley Doyle.



Team outside the museum.

ONE hundred years ago last weekend, many women and men were able to vote at a general election for the first time, and to mark this occasion members of Porthcawl Museum recreated the general election vote of 1918 during its Victorian Christmas Day on December 15.

The voters of Porthcawl in 1918 were part of the Aberavon constituency and the ballot paper contained three names: Jack Edwards (Liberal

Party) Robert Williams (Labour Party) and TG Jones (NFDDs) the party for returning servicemen (which later became the Royal British Legion).

The result in 1918 went to Jack Edwards with 62 per cent of the votes. Edwards, however lost the seat in the next election. The votes cast in 2018 gave the victory to TD Jones with 49 per cent of the vote.

Also on the day, the museum members entertained and provided refreshments to the visitors and Christmas craft lessons for children.

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Black bag fly-tipping goes up in the Vale

FLY-TIPPING of black bags in the Vale has reportedly increased since the council started collecting two bags per home every fortnight.

A total of 99 fly-tipped black bags were reported to the Vale Council between September – when the new policy was introduced – and November.

That was an increase from the 61 fly-tipped black bags reported in the three months leading up to September.

The council has said there were 107 fly-tipped black bags reported between September and November 2017, eight more than the three months following September this year.

Cllr Geoff Cox, cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said it was too early to draw any conclusions about the effect on fly-tipping the new black bags policy has had.

He said excess black bags left uncollected outside people's properties are unlikely to be recorded as fly-tipping.

Cllr Cox told a full council meeting on December 12: "The general levels of compliance with the two bag rule have been excellent."

"In the three months since the introduction of the scheme, our officers have only reported 117 incidences of residents who have breached the rule on more than one occasion."

He added that council officers are taking action against those 117 residents.

The council has also said the number of black rubbish bags being collected in the Vale has gone down by 31 per cent since the two bags per fortnight rule was implemented.

It has also led to an 8 per cent increase in kerbside recycling, and a 19 per cent rise in food waste recycling, according to council figures.

Over Christmas and New Year the black bags restrictions will not apply.

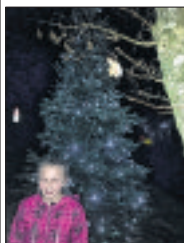
Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Third-agers around the table for Christmas lunch

CARDIFF Round Table and Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale (ACCATV) hosted 60 senior citizens to a Christmas lunch at the Holiday Inn, Cardiff, last week.

Karen Steele of ACCATV said: "We are grateful to Cardiff Round Table, which has been hosting this event with us for the last six years, and it is one that is much anticipated by those who are able to attend."

Lighting up Llancarfan!



ABOVE: Competition winner Eva Wong switched on the lights.

RIGHT: The Llancarfan village Christmas tree.

Veteran AM's new position

VALE AM Jane Hutt was appointed by the new First Minister Mark Drakeford as Chief Whip and Deputy Minister in his office last week.

She will support him in the central functions and responsibilities of the Welsh Government including public appointments, equalities, tribunals, crime and justice policy and the voluntary sector.

AN evening of carol singing and celebration started the Christmas festivities at Llancarfan on Sunday, December 9 when more than 100 villagers attended the lighting of the Llancarfan Christmas tree.

Martyn Hughes started the event and guest of honour Eva Wong, the winner of Llancarfan Primary School's painting competition, flicked the switch on the Christmas tree that lit up the evening sky.

Rhi and Jim from The Fox and Hounds provided the mulled

wine and mince pies and favourite carols were sung around the tree.

Thanks go to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening; Max, Matty, Mike, Rich and John for putting up the tree; the Osborne family who have provided the power to the lights again this year and to Rhi and Jim for hosting everyone back at the Fox & Hounds after the lighting ceremony had finished. Last, but certainly not least, we'd like to thank Edward Thomas and family for allowing us to use their equipment to help get the tree and lights in place.

John Ford

The Future Farmers of Wales see changes at top

THE new chairman of the Future Farmers of Wales is the Vale of Glamorgan's Chris Hanks, while the new president is Gaina Morgan of Pyle.

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of innovative diversifications and on-farm development. The organisation is so well regarded that meetings are held with Welsh Government ministers and officials, with Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales Professor Christianne Glossop and this year, with Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns.

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Temporary Lift on black bag restriction for Christmas and New Year collections

We recognise that we all produce a lot more waste and recycling this time of year, so, as promised, from **Monday 24 December 2018 - Friday 11 January 2019** the restriction to 2 black bags per household will not apply. **The 2 black bags restriction will resume from Monday 14 January 2019.**

Recycling

All your food leftovers including vegetable peelings and turkey carcasses can go in your food waste bin. Christmas cards (without glitter/foil), cardboard and plain wrapping paper can go in your green box/blue bag.

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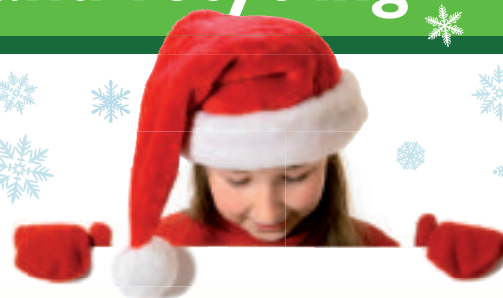
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Friday 28 December	- Sunday 30 December
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Wednesday 2 January	- Thursday 3 January
Thursday 3 January	- Friday 4 January
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The FUW reflects on 2018, and looks towards 2019...

SPEEDING towards the end of the year and with the county office closing this week for the Christmas break, I thought it a good time to reflect on some of the things we have been busy with this year.

It certainly has been a turbulent year with Brexit, funding for agriculture, the havoc caused by the weather, bovine TB and agricultural pollution remaining high on the agenda among many other farming matters. 2018 was a year where we made some considerable progress in our #FairFarmFunding

campaign and I am pleased to say the FUW's lobbying on not 'Barnettising' Welsh rural funding, as part of the #FairFarmFunding campaign, has been successful. The success of the campaign was recognised in the PRCA awards in London, as we were runner-up in the 'Best Campaign in Wales' category.

Throughout the year, we have regularly met with Welsh and UK Government staff, including First Minister Carwyn Jones, Cabinet Secretary Lesley Griffiths and Environment Minister, Hannah Blythyn, as well as DEFRA ministers Michael Gove and George Eustice, and Wales Office minister Alun Cairns.

This is as well as attending and giving evidence to many Welsh Assembly, UK Parliament and other committees on more occasions than ever during a calendar year, taking every opportunity to represent the interests of our members.

Another major commitment this year was the Welsh Government's 'Brexit and our land'



Rachel Saunders
Chair of the Farmers' Union of Wales
writes on
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consultation. We discussed the consultation with thousands of members from all regions of Wales and all sectors, as well those with an interest in the agricultural industry.

In our response, we made it clear that the overwhelming view of members was that any major changes, as proposed in the consultation, to rural policies should be informed by knowledge and considered analysis

of the post-Brexit economic landscape and trading environment.

We also called for detailed and thorough analysis, modelling and piloting to investigate likely impacts of policies on individual farm businesses, sectors, regions and those involved in upstream and downstream agricultural supply chains.

Given the responses we had from FUW members, we made it clear that the proposals put forward by the Welsh Government were rejected. With this in mind, rest assured that in the coming year the FUW will continue to be at the forefront of the fight to protect the interests of Wales' farming families and rural communities.

On a final note before Christmas day comes around, I would like to thank all of our staff and officials for their continued effort and hard work throughout the year and each and every one of our members, who through their membership and support, contribute to a stronger, more successful voice for Wales' agricultural industry.

Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and happy 2019 to you all.



Senior pupils chatting to head of the Cathedral School, Clare Sherwood.

School pleased with Estyn report results

THE Cathedral School in Llandaff, Cardiff has been judged by Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales as 'excellent' in all five inspection areas.

Praising the school's 'high quality of teaching' and the 'extremely high standards achieved by pupils', the report also recognises its care, support and guidance arrangements which 'help pupils to develop self-confidence, acquire a broad range of important life skills and to become well-informed and active citizens.'

The work the school undertakes in this particular area has been identified as sector-leading practice which will be shared with the education sector in Wales.

Chairman of Governors, Gilbert Lloyd said: "The Board of Governors is delighted with Estyn's report. Being acknowledged as 'excellent' in all five categories is testament to the committed staff, hardworking pupils and supportive parents at the Cathedral School.

Head Clare Sherwood added: "It is wonderful that this report continues to reaffirm the Cathedral School as an 'excellent' school. I am proud that the role of the 'high quality of teaching' and our teachers' 'passion and enthusiasm' has been recognised as 'central to pupils' strong and sustained progress'."

"Our pupils truly are 'well informed and active citizens'. Just in the last week, nine of our pupils standing for the Welsh Youth Parliament have shared their campaigns with the school community; the primary section sported Mad Hair for Pudsey Bear, raising more than £1,000 for Children in Need and four of our year 10 pupils have been announced as finalists in the DVLA Code Challenge, having designed a programme to identify phishing."

Mrs Sherwood continued: "In the year which has seen the 40th anniversary of co-education at the school, I am delighted that the report identifies our 'strong sense of community... values such as respect, tolerance, kindness and compassion, which permeate across the whole school community.'" **PB**

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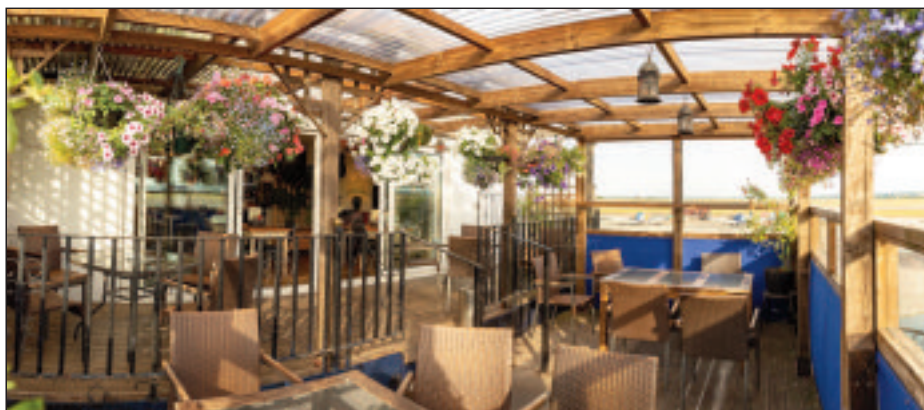
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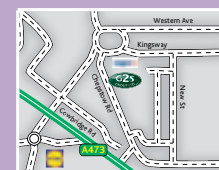
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Aquaman makes a spectacular splash!

WHILE last year's Justice League could have been the final nail in the DC universe, one of the highlights of that less-than-impressive affair was Jason Momoa as Arthur Curry, or, as he's better known, Aquaman.

Having served his time in Justice League, as well as a small cameo in *Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice*, he finally gets to headline his own film.

Aquaman tells the story of Curry, the son of a lighthouse keeper (Temuera Morrison) and Atlanna (Nicole Kidman), the princess of Atlantis.

With the power to communicate with marine life forms he grows up on the land, eschewing the call of the deep.

However, when he learns that his half-brother Orm (Patrick Wilson) is hell-bent on bringing a war from the depths of the ocean to the land and conquering the world, Arthur and Mera (Amber Heard), who is betrothed to Orm, team up and set about stopping his dastardly plan...

Anything from the DCU comes seemingly pre-tainted with the negativity that has surrounded much of the universe's output.

However *Aquaman*, much like *Wonder Woman* before it, is a film that stands on its own two feet and is all

the better for it; and while it doesn't quite match *Wonder Woman's* success on filmic terms, it's still a hugely entertaining and satisfying comic-book movie.

If Jason Momoa had shown fits and starts of his charisma as part of the ensemble in Justice League, then with his own film to carry he delivers an effortlessly charming performance here.

It helps that he carries off the physical requirements of what a superhero is supposed to look like, but beyond that Momoa is an engaging lead, carrying off the bravado of the role with ease and just about comfortably holding his own in the more dramatic moments.

Surrounding him is a cast who bring quality to proceedings, the likes of Nicole Kidman, Temuera Morrison and Willem Dafoe having sufficient nous to bring texture to the support.

Amber Heard and Patrick Wilson, as Mera and the villainous Orm respectively, offer strong turns in rounded characters that, pleasingly, don't wholly play to type.

Also engaging is Yahya Abdul-Mateen II as Black Manta, one of the most faithful page-to-screen character conversions as a thorn in Arthur's side with personal stakes between the two characters.

For James Wan, *Aquaman* is the latest detour on a career that has seen him handle horrors (*Saw*, *The*



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Conjuring) and tentpole blockbusters (*Fast and Furious 7*), and visually he is more than up to the task here.

With much of the action taking place under the water, the technology used to make you believe people are talking and acting beneath the waves is superb and marshalled well by Wan, while the scope and scale he brings to proceedings is hugely impressive.

There's an Avatar-meets-The Phantom Menace feel to the fluorescent sea kingdoms, and Wan doesn't shy away from immersing you in these worlds, the camera weaving and diving with the attention to detail wholly impressive.

But his directorial chops impress just as much.

Two sequences in particular stand out - a chase set-piece in Sicily that pings back and forth between two characters without cutting brings

some inventiveness, while a set-piece in the much-dreaded Trench Kingdom is tense and visually superb.

Where it falls down is in a messy opening 20 minutes where the various plot points are set up with a degree of awkwardness which, once settled down, fall into place, while there are more than a few moments where dialogue clunks and the film loses its way a little.

The soundtrack is also more than a little incongruous, its 1980s synth moments feeling hugely out of place, while any film that allows Pitbull to 'reinterpret' Toto's 'Africa', no matter how fleetingly, should be heavily reprimanded.

But, on the whole, this is a film of adventure, scale and pace and does a superb job of establishing Aquaman within the pantheon of big-screen superheroes.

With a little tease to further adventures in the mid-credits, the future looks bright for *Aquaman*.

VERDICT: A character that used to be viewed as something of a joke ('A superhero who talks to fish?'), with Jason Momoa on fine form and James Wan delivering a visually gorgeous film, *Aquaman* is anything but a joke now. There are a few clunky moments, but on the whole this is a superb piece of work, and thoroughly entertaining. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Avatar* (2009), *Thor* (2011).

Music in the Vale



In last week's report on the 'Music in the Vale' competition, the above photo was incorrectly captioned. It actually shows representatives of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir (who sponsored the choir section) presenting the prize to a member of the winning choir, Cor Heol y March.

The festive season will be a hectic one for the police

AS we move towards the end of a very busy 2018, I would like to provide you with an update in relation to activity over the past month.

You may have read about a large-scale operation we have been carrying out recently to tackle the supply of drugs in our communities. Around 220 officers took part in Operation Avalanche where drug warrants were executed at a number of addresses in Bridgend and in the Vale of Glamorgan. I am pleased to say 32 people to date have been charged for drug offences in connection with this operation.

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Christmas is usually a very busy time for emergency services, please spare a thought for the officers who will be working during this period serving from all officers in Bridgend and their communities and keeping you

safe. The festive season is an enjoyable time of year; however, it is also a time of year where criminals can take advantage, so I would like to remind residents to make sure their homes are secure and that Christmas presents aren't on display near windows.

The annual anti-drink/drug driving campaign is fully underway and we are reminding drivers of the dangers and consequences of getting behind the wheel after drinking or taking drugs.

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On a final note, we are days away from Christmas and I would like to wish GEM readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, from all officers in Bridgend and their communities and keeping you



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It's also a time of tradition, and here at The GEM our staff are no different when it comes to their festive routines.

We asked our staff to tell all about their Christmas traditions and here's what we found out...

I am not sure where my love of Christmas trees stems from.

As a child, my mother would drag a small artificial tree from the attic, with its branches balder as each year passed.

The elderly glass decorations were stowed carefully after each Twelfth Night, and the mystery of how some ended up as glass shards when the tin was opened the following year was never solved.

On account of a boisterous Labrador, the tree only ever had garish

plastic replacements.

As an adult, I've always secretly enjoyed festive trees in other people's houses but badly-strewn tinsel and uneven bauble application are particularly jarring to me, unless the children are involved; then it's charming.

There's nothing like a well-decorated and lit tree to inspire Christmas spirit and the bigger and grander, the better.

Shopping centres, town squares and hotels usually put up magnificent, twinkling displays – but Santa help them if they get it wrong.

I will admit things might have got out of hand in my home; last year, there were nine trees of varying sizes and themes.

My family grudgingly accept that it is going to happen again this year and don't seem to mind that some of the trees have chocolates hidden in the branches.

Whether your tree is spindly, minimal, coloured, real, artificial or top-sided, as long as it fills you with joy, that's the real spirit of Christmas.

**Carolyn Bailey
I find that Christmas traditions flow in and out of one's life dependent on place, people, and circumstance.**

A decade or more ago, I tended to work on Christmas Day because I was in a country where Christmas was not really celebrated.

"Bah, humbug!" you might say, although it saved my life, and by golly, thereby hangs a tale... Two, nearly three decades ago, I also tended to work at Christmas, but that

was because I was in the Army. Deployed overseas to some of Britain's forgotten conflicts of the 1990s, and whether preparing for the "Mother of All Battles" or wearing the rather fetching shade of blue beret and body armour reserved for UN ops, life and work – and war – went on.

Turkey, and the padre, came from from the realms of glory, like angels, but really by heli. One tradition that abides from before that time to now is, perhaps for some, boring.

Christmas Eve, at 1500hrs GMT/UTC/Zulu, all is calm, all is... quite dark. No lights save for candles and the safe glow of the fire, and a glass of sherry in hand. On goes Radio Four and A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge. Dreamt up by a former Army chaplain, it was first held 100 years ago this year, and first broadcast one decade later.

These days, I listen to it on digital radio, which is a cleaner sound than FM, but on my first overseas deployment (the Gulf War), it was on my trusty and dusty Sony short-wave world band radio, and a good few time zones ahead.

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made a mockery of our stiff upper lips, resulting in the odd manly chin wobble. But why? Not all were churchgoers, or had any faith. Was that aphorism about foxholes and atheists true? Damned if I know, but to my brothers in arms and me (then), and to the me of now, I think that what it conjured – still conjures – up, can be condensed into one word: home.

**Andy Johnstone
A tradition is something you do the same way, at regular intervals, sometimes for no reason except that you have always done it.**

As Christmas comes every year it's easy to apply tradition: comforting, too. I'll have no truck with recipes that exhort me to 'Ring the Changes This Year, with Pineapple and Harissa in Your Mince Pies!' Pay no attention. You only eat them once a year, now's your chance.

Christmas recipes come out every year from my own battered recipe book, and they're handed down from cooks on both sides of my family. The egg flip (six eggs, a can of condensed milk, one bottle of brandy) from Granddad Marsden.

Granddad Hartley, an army cook trained at Aldershot kept his own recipe book, beautifully written in 'copperplate', and it details the menus to be presented to the officers (but his spelling leaves something to be desired). My grandmother wrote her own wine recipes in the spaces that he left at the bottom of each page.

Spice Cake comes from Great-Grandma Appleyard, as does the

enormous yellow-glazed Yorkshire crock to stir it up in, as my mother always used to.

My mother added trifle to the family tradition and all my siblings still make that at Christmas. A photograph of our Christmas dinner table that I found recently, from 50 years ago, features the trifle about to be doled out, cherries and all and my little brother kneeling up on his chair in anticipation. It was always made in the same glass bowl, the biggest one we had.

My goldfish lived in the bowl the rest of the year 'round; on Christmas Eve he had to vacate and spend 24 hours in a bucket. That was one tradition which deserved to be changed – he eventually got an actual fish tank, which appeared on my table one Christmas morning with him in it, and I finally got to view him from the side.

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'Council needs to make wall safe' claims Barry resident

Lloyd and Aisha Bailey in their back garden with the retaining wall behind them. IMAGE by JODIE WOOLLEY @above-andbelowproductions (Facebook).

A Barry resident who claims a dangerous retaining wall at the back of his garden could cost £90,000 to repair says the Vale Council needs to make it safe, writes TIM CHAPMAN.

Lloyd Bailey of 14 Bastian Close, who moved into his property in 2014, has always insisted the wall wasn't his despite the council pressing him to make repairs. He says a specialist advised him the full work could cost around £90,000.

Last month, the Vale Council sought an order under section 77 of the Building Act 1984 in Cardiff Magistrates Court to force Mr Bailey to do the work, but it withdrew the application because it couldn't establish ownership or responsibility for the wall.

Mr Bailey explained: "Bastian Close was



built in 1991, but Kez House behind me was built in around 1892 and the retaining wall was built at the same time to support Kez House. "The council's commissioned report of April this year describes the wall as 'unstable' and 'dangerous and liable to collapse'. "We are worried about the safety of our property and the safety of the families at 14

and 15 Bastian Close. "Under the building act the council has a clear obligation to ensure the retaining wall is safe. We haven't been able to use our garden for the four years we have lived here and it is now overgrown and vegetation has caused further damage. "There have been several partial collapses of the retaining wall. "The proceedings against me were misguided and have cost me £23,000 and the council over £25,000 – and the danger of the wall has still not been addressed. "I am hopeful the council can address these issues in good time and that matters can be resolved amicably."

Mr Bailey says the court made an order for just and reasonable costs and he is waiting for reimbursement from the council.

The council had claimed Bastian Close residents were responsible for the wall after commissioning a boundary report from Ball & Co.

But a boundary specialist who compiled a report on behalf of Mr Bailey said the wall was owned by the property behind him.

The report from David Gregson Ltd said: "In my opinion the retaining wall is owned by Kez

House...the line of legal boundary is the external face of the wall abutting 14 Bastian Close."

A Vale Council spokesman told The GEM: "The wall to the rear of 14 and 15 Bastian Close is not owned or maintained by the council but has been the subject of complaints for some years regarding its condition.

"Despite evidence from a surveyor employed by the council, the council was unable to establish ownership of and responsibility for the wall at a recent hearing.

"It is important to note that this does not mean that the property owners at Bastian Close do not own the wall, but that the council was not able to conclusively prove ownership.

"Also worth highlighting is that number 14 Bastian Close was purchased in 2014 with the full knowledge of the condition of the wall to the rear.

"The council is now considering its position and how best to proceed with this matter, having regard to what are limited public finances."

The GEM contacted the owner of Kez House who chose not to comment.

Barry Round Table wraps up a busy year with festive lunch



On December 15, Barry Round Table held its annual elderly people's dinner to support those in our communities who are most at risk of being socially isolated this Christmas.

At the dinner, which was held at Barry Town United's Jenner Suite, 65 people enjoyed a three course meal supplied by the 4th Horseshoe Group, along with entertainment by Vera Lynn tribute act Lisa Kondova, local singer Ben Dain-Smith and former Round Table member Dave Beadle.

Each guest enjoyed Christmas cake supplied by Francesca's Cakes, mince pies supplied by

Food For Thought Delicatessen and a bag of Christmas gifts, supplied by a host of local shops, businesses and supermarkets.

Barry Round Table chairman Barrie Dyer said: "Our elderly people's dinner is the highlight of my year. It's wonderful to see so many of our guests enjoying themselves and not having to worry about a thing.

"We know that many live alone and can spend much of Christmas by themselves, so it's brilliant for us to be able to bring them together with other people to celebrate Christmas as it should be.

"On behalf of Barry Round Table I'd like to thank Co-Op Barry members for their donations

through membership cards, as well as the Richard from the 4th Horseshoe Group who saved the event, stepping in just two days before when another caterer pulled out; along with all of the other local businesses who continue to support us throughout the year."

Barry Round Table continue to be out with Santa right up until Christmas, with your final chance to see him before the big night being at the Tesco Superstore on Port Road in Barry on December 22 and 23 from 10:30am – 4pm.

If you know someone aged 18 – 45 who wants to help us do even more in our community then visit barry.roundtable.co.uk.

Tea for two, or more...

A GROUP of volunteers in Penarth is helping to address loneliness and isolation by taking elderly people out to tea once a month.

The group, which is part of the charity Contact the Elderly (CtE), has been running for almost 20 years providing friendship to elderly people.

The charity organises monthly tea party events for small groups of older people aged 75 and over.

Groups are run by local volunteers: volunteer drivers collect older guests from their homes and accompany them to tea parties, while volunteer hosts hold tea parties in their homes

and a local volunteer organiser makes sure the group runs smoothly.

All the south Wales groups recently came together for their annual Christmas meal. Over 100 guests and volunteers met to enjoy a Christmas lunch, carols and a visit from Santa. This year, CtE is joining forces with the charity Community Christmas to ensure no older person spends the day alone unless they want to.

For further information, contact Kate Housley on 029 20026211, email kate.housley@contact-the-elderly.org.uk, or visit www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk.

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NFU Ladies enjoy their festive party

THE NFU Ladies wish to thank Matthew Brind, whose musical ability was thoroughly enjoyed at their recent Christmas party.

The star of the evening was Helena, who entertained the ladies with her hilarious Oscar performance.

The group next meets at Lanelay Hall at 7pm on Tuesday, January 15 for their annual dinner.

Happy Christmas to all from the NFU Ladies.

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Christmas Swim is 54 and still growing



THE Porthcawl Christmas Morning Swim is now in its 54th year and organisers expect to see more than 1,200 swimmers, reportedly making it the largest event of its kind in the UK.

The arrangements on the morning will follow last year's in that as swimmers register they will receive their commemorative mug before the Swim. Therefore, whether they have registered on line or on the morning they must come to the registration desk from 10.30am onwards. Swimmers will leave the Hi Tide Inn Mackworth Road and gather at the top of the beach for the start at 11.45am.

Swim secretary Lucy Jones said: "We are planning to have the 'start arch' (weather permitting) erected on the beach so that every swimmer will file through in a similar way to last year. Porthcawl Coastguard will signal the start and the swimmers will then make their way down the beach through the spectators. "Some friends of the swim travel home for Christmas, so we get swimmers and spectators from all over the UK and abroad too. We

know this year there will be swimmers joining us from Australia and Dubai, besides those who come from the south Wales area, all to enjoy a festive morning at Sandy Bay Porthcawl.

"Running up to Christmas our small committee have to work tirelessly to raise enough money to fund the cost of the Swim, the souvenir programmes and the much sought after Swim mugs. The main aim of the 'Swim' is to raise as much money as possible for our chosen charities, therefore we are relying on the public to help, either by swimming and getting sponsorship or, if you are a spectator, by giving generously to our bucket collection.

"The more money we collect the more we can give away. We are also appealing for the volunteers to support us as collectors and marshals, details of how to register an interest can be found on our website www.christmasswim.org or our Facebook page Porthcawl Christmas Morning Swim." The Swim chairman, Dave King, said: "This year the committee has chosen our headline charity as Prostate Cymru. As before, we will also support other local organisations. A total of £11,000 was donated after the

swim last year, so with your help maybe we can exceed this amount.

"Our promise is to give every penny that is collected on Christmas morning via the bucket collection and through swimmer's sponsorship to our chosen beneficiaries. We also have the opportunity to link in with Prostate Cymru's Just Giving page so you can set up your sponsorship page or donate to friends online too.

"We thank all those individuals and businesses who help us in so many ways to be able to put the 'Swim' on. We invite you to join in the fun either as a swimmer or spectator, come and soak up the festive family atmosphere and please support your organisers. We are overwhelmed in the way the event has been so well supported in previous years. We continue to have record swimmers, spectators and collections. Help us to make the 54th event equally successful."

He added: "On an official note, we need to point out that the Christmas Morning Swim Committee hold the license to collect money on Christmas Day, therefore any collecting of money at the event, other than by our official collectors, is prohibited.

SOUTH Wales Police is investigating the sudden death of a man at an address in John Street, Porthcawl.

Officers were called at approximately 3am on Tuesday, December 18. The body has not been formally identified and enquires are ongoing. A 42-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of supplying controlled drugs.

Missing Oxon teenager seen in Porthcawl

MAISIE King, aged 15, has been reported as missing from her home in Carterton, Oxfordshire.

She was sighted in the Porthcawl area on Sunday, December 16. She is described as 5ft tall, of slim build, and with long, straight brown hair. She was last seen wearing black clothing and trainers. Anyone with any information on her whereabouts can call 101 quoting reference 1800474266.



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Services at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major

MONDAY, December 24, Christmas Eve at 4pm: 'Not the Midnight Mass,' a Christmas celebration for all the family. Based around a traditional Crib service, we will welcome the characters from the Nativity story... but with a twist. It's fun and it might be noisy!

At 6.30pm, '9 Lessons and Carols' featuring The Ecumenical Choir, made up of singers from churches across the town. Come along to hear the story of Christmas told in music and readings and sing some of your favourite carols.

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The early service is quiet with no music, simply a time to reflect and welcome Jesus, the new-born Saviour. The service at 10.30am is much busier, with carols and celebrations to mark Christmas Day.

May you and your loved ones have

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Youngsters get on track at local event

LAST week, young people from the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust Get on Track programme finished the programme with an event at the Bridgend Life Centre.

The social and emotional development programme started on October 23 and was led by Rugby Union player Philippa Tuttiett and Olympic weightlifter Michaela Breeze. The sessions help young people to gain the confidence, resilience and self-esteem needed to succeed in life.

Over the six weeks of the programme the young people have learned about fitness, wellbeing and nutrition as well as volunteering to brighten up a local youth centre and undergoing CV writing and interview training, to help them gain employment at the end of the programme.

Philippa said: "We believe as a charity that every young person has the potential to lead a



positive life, no matter what their background and I am so looking forward to hearing how they all do in the future."

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Gemma's Christmas song

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Julie continued: "She loves music and wrote the song 'Gemma's Gift for Christmas' with her music teacher. She is a loving person and has a great personality."

Until Gemma was nine her development appeared normal, but then she began to lose skills. Julie explained: "We think this could be due to a rare form of autism called 'childhood disintegrative disorder' although she has a diagnosis of regular autism. "Children with childhood disintegrative disorder lose skills and then

show autism symptoms. The experts say children with the condition stop regressing at the age 10 but this was not the case for Gemma. "Although she can't be left alone or do things people her age can do, she is talented in music and enjoys playing the cornet in the Gwaun Cae Gurwen Band."

Gemma's song has been liked 1,400 times. Among the comments have been 'what a beautiful song and beautiful voice' and 'you are awesome Gemma - you have the voice of an angel and your message is so important'.

Park damaged by fire

LOUGHER Place play area in St Athan was set on fire after opening three months ago.

Residents reported it happened on Saturday, December 8 at around 10.30pm and since then, other residents have come forward to the police and council with information regarding the damage.

The small slide and tunnel were scorched and there was damage to rubber matting, which was part of a £157,500 renovation to the play area that the local charity SAINTS, the Vale Council, local residents and businesses, along with Welsh Government match funding contributed to.

Neighbouring CCTV is being reviewed to see if those responsible can be identified.



	<p align="center">BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR</p>	
<p>I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Observations received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objectors/supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an intent to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information tel: 01656 643675.</p> <p>TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012 P/18/045/FUL Erection of 41 affordable residential dwellings with associated on site car parking, access arrangements and associated works - Land south of Wyndham Close Brackla Industrial Estate by Hafod Housing Association & Jehu.</p> <p>The above proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.</p> <p>P/18/063/FUL Development of 59 dwellings, healthcare centre and associated works inc. access, landscaping and car parking - Former Sunnyside Council Offices & Magistrates Court site Sunnyside Road / Glan Y Parc Bridgend by Linc Cymru & Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB</p> <p align="right">RESPOND BY: 09/01/2019</p> <p align="center">Mark Shephard Corporate Director Communities / Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol-Cymunedau 20/12/2018</p>		

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Marie's kindness and wisdom will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Green Willow Funerals, Dinas Powys until a celebration of her life on Monday, 7th January 2019 at Merthyr Dyfan Church, Barry at 1pm. The service to be followed by a cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, to Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff.

All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 2051 4627.

BEVAN

John (JB)

Passed away peacefully on 12th December 2018 in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, John, of Longfellow Drive, Cefn Glas. Beloved husband of the late Dot, much loved dad of Martyn and Debbie. Adored grandpa of Paula, Hayley, Bethan, Catrin and Nia. Great Grandpa JB of Bea and Ernie. A treasured and special father-in-law of Ruth and Philip (special friend of Ted and Paul).

John will be sadly missed by his family and many friends and will be resting at home until the funeral on Thursday, 27th December 2018. Service in Coychurch Crematorium at 11am. Family flowers only by request but donations please to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

Further enquiries to Adrian Oliver Funeral Director telephone 01656 665403.

BARRATT

Kathleen Patricia (Pattie)

Peacefully at home on 14th December, Pattie sadly passed away. A devoted wife to Roy and cherished mum of Amanda. Special mother-in-law to Tim, an adored nanna of Harvey and Edie. Pattie will be dearly missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, 10th January 2019 at 11.15am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home. Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

KINSEY

Patricia Harriet (Pat)

Peacefully on 15th December 2018, at Monkstone House Care Home, Porthcawl, Pat. Much loved wife of the late Emlyn, loving mother of Rosalyn, Helen, Nigel and Alison. Mother-in-law to Roger, Tony, Frances and Paul and nanny to seven grandchildren and great-grandmother to eleven great-grandchildren.

Pat will be sadly missed by all her family.

Funeral Friday, 4th January 2019. Service at Bridgend United Church, Tondur Road, Bridgend at 12.30pm, followed by interment at Pwllpant Cemetery, Ogmere Vale at 2pm.

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PHILLIPS

Margaret Robina

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Family Notices

SELF**Alan Douglas**

Alan peacefully passed away in his sleep on 14th December 2018. Loving husband of Marcy, father to Steven, Richard and Jessica and grandfather of Isobel and Benjamin.

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Funeral service to be held on Thursday, 3rd January 2019 at Barry Crematorium at 3pm. Donations in lieu of flowers would be appreciated for The PDSA. All enquires to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 2051 4627.

HIPPARD**Janet (née Lambert)**

Suddenly, but peacefully, on 12th December, Janet, a devoted wife to the late Ted, much loved mum of Lisa and Adele, Cherished nan of Holly, Emma, Daniel and Ross, an adored Nanny 2 of Tia, Bailey, Lexi and Harleigh.

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SLADE**Ceri**

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WILLIAMS**Michael**

Passed away peacefully on 11th December 2018, aged 79 years, always in our hearts. Loving husband to Birgit, father of Patricia and Dawn, father-in-law to Jimmy and Graham and grandfather to Kristian, Storm, Skye and Niall.

Will be lovingly missed by all.

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**GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU
AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)
(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 4A) 2018**

- Ar 19 Rhagfyr 2018 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, greu Gorchymyn a fydd yn gweithredu'r cyfyngiadau parcio a nodir yn atodlen 1 isod.
- Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 1 Ionawr 2019 neu ar y dyddiadau y mae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd yn eu lle ac yn cael eu gwaredu, p'un bynnag sydd hwyraf ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Mannau Parcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 4A) 2018"
- Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.
- Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddifarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofnyddion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 1 Ionawr 2019, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Cynnig Arfaethedig ar gyfer Diddymu Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg Crosshill Y Cnap Y Barri (Map BB49)

Ar ochr ddeheuol y ffordd o bwynt 4.5 metr i ddwyrain y mynediad at "Sealawns" i gyfeiriad dwyreiniol am bellter o 24 metr.

Dyddiedig 20 Rhagfyr 2018

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps, Gwenfô CF5 6AA



**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION
OF WAITING AND
LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)
(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT)
(NO 4A) ORDER 2018**

- On the 19th December 2018 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order to remove the parking restriction specified in schedule 1 below.
- The Order will come into operation on 1st January 2019 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are installed and removed whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 4A) Order 2018"
- A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
- If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 1st January 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:
Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Crosshill The Knap Barry (Map BB49)

On the southern side of the road from a point 4.5 metres east of the access to "Sealawns" in an easterly direction for a distance of 24 metres.

Dated this 20th day of December 2018.

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA



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ATODLEN

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg Porthkerry Road Y Barri (Map AY49)

Ar ochr y de orllewin o'r gyffordd gyda Windsor Road i gyfeiriad y de am 34 metr

Windsor Road Y Barri (Map AY49)

Ar ochr y De orllewin o'r gyffordd gyda Porthkerry Road i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain am 34 metr

Dyddiedig 20 Rhagfyr 2018.

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SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Porthkerry Road Barry (Map AY49)

On the South western side from its junction with Windsor Road in a south westerly Direction for a distance of 34 metres

Windsor Road Barry (Map AY49)

On the South western side from its junction with Porthkerry Road in a south easterly Direction for a distance of 34 metres

Dated this 20th day of December 2018.

Director of Environment & Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



A little case of tree trouble for Dai on the golf course

THE Christmas meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at St Athan Golf Club, sponsored by Mr Martyn David of Picketston Poultry and attracted 30 competitors.

Despite the recent spell of wet weather the course was in remarkably good condition which ensured a closely contested competition resulting in just two points separating the top five players.

Leading the field at the close with 31 stableford points to win a fresh turkey was joint master of the Glamorgan Hunt Martyn Edwards, who was enjoying a rare day off from exercising hounds around the lanes of the Vale. Just one point behind to win a fresh duck was desperately unlucky Dai John who dropped vital points in very unusual circumstances.

A large tree at the side of the sixth green caused popular member Dai much annoyance when his tee shot not only hit the tree but also retained his ball some 20 feet off the ground much to the amusement of playing partners Mark Rees and Dai Llewellyn.

In third place winning a fresh chicken was Tony McCarthy with 29 points (18 back nine) followed by Chris Rooney who also had 29 points (14 back nine). Brian Jones also with 29 points but with only 13 on the back nine finished in fifth place.



Winner Martyn Edwards with society captain Keith James, sponsor Martyn David and over-80 winner Glyn Watt-Jones.

Special prizes for the 80+ category were awarded to Aubrey Bowen who finished with 25 points and also to the winner of this section Glyn Watts-Jones who finished with 27 points.

John Davies and Aubrey Thomas were also rans. Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan (Cowbridge) sponsored par-3 holes were Dan Jarvis, Julian Golunski, Dai John and Hugh Williams who also collected the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant prize when hitting the longest drive down the 10th fairway. John Davies won a fresh chicken by correctly guessing 16 balls would fail to return home which raised £75 for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards.

Members now have a seven-week break before assembling at Coed Y Mwstwr Golf club on January 31, kindly sponsored by Mr Gino Cocco of Llanharan Concrete Co Ltd. Finally, captain Keith James and all the members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society wish golfers throughout the Vale a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

T.McC

Tae Kwon Do team lands medal haul



CHRISTMAS came early for Team JSTKD as they collected an impressive haul of medals at the TAGB Welsh Area Championships this month.

This is a popular and well attended event in the regional Tae Kwon Do calendar with clubs from throughout south Wales participating as well as many guest clubs from further afield also vying for the top spots.

Team JSTKD had

a mixture of regulars and first-timers taking part: Zak, Lucy and Joe Grinter, Menna and Harri Birmingham, Alex Munn, Rhys Doel, Harry Thomas, Alisha Roberts, Dylan Howe, Tal Skone, Sean Murphy, Grace Waters, William Yanez, Finlay Valvo, Darcy Griffin, Aimee Hennessey, Brenig Preest and Phillip Jelf.

It didn't take long for the individual sparring medals to start arriving with great comeback performances from two of our Black Belts.

Following an absence due to an injury, Rhys was back in action and in fine form as he took a bronze while there was an amazing comeback of a different sort from Harri, who got knocked out (literally) in the quarter-finals but picked himself up to go on to the semi-finals where he too took a bronze.

We had more medals from two of our first-time adults in the green and yellow belts respectively with Brenig bagging a silver and Phillip taking a bronze.

Moving up a gear, we saw some outstanding performances from team members who went all the way to the

finals and came away as tournament champions.

Alex Munn dominated in the Boys Red Middleweight division and similarly, Zak took control in his first time fighting as a Red Lightweight.

More Lightweight success came for Harry making a fantastic debut in the Boys Green Belts while over in the Girls Green Belts, Lucy's super fighting spirit paid dividends. Zak and Lucy's younger brother Joe also added another gold, but this time in the Boys Tag Team event.

Special mentions are deserved for our other team members who, without exception, gave their all across the other divisions including Darcy, who knocked out her opponent earlier in the rounds (Girls Black Belts) but eventually bowed out before the medal matches. There was a similar close call for a medal for Menna in the Black Belt Patterns.

The team will be taking a well-deserved break over the festive period, but are now looking forward to further tournaments in the New Year.

VW

On and Off The Turf

EVAN Williams' 10-year-old chestnut mare Still Believing, carrying top weight of 11 stone, 12 lbs, was a nine lengths winner of the £21,665 George Smith Horseboxes Mares' Handicap Chase at Hereford last Saturday under Mitchell Bastyan.

A 9-1 chance, *Still Believing* has been a good servant to Williams, having also won Exeter, Chepstow, Ludlow and Uttoxeter, and has won on good to firm as well as heavy going.

On the same day at Cheltenham, Williams' grey gelding *Silver Streak* failed by one-and-three quarter lengths to catch Nicky Henderson's *Brain Power* in the Unibet International Hurdle worth £78,778 to the winner.

But for a mistake at the penultimate hurdle, the Welsh Champion Hurdle winner would probably have been a lot closer, but the obstacles are there for them to be jumped.

Earlier in the afternoon, Pembrokeshire trainer Rebecca Curtis saddled the winner of the Ryman Novices' Chase with *Drovers Lane*, who, under Sean Bowen, scored by one-and-a-half lengths from the Bryn Pauling-trained *Le Breuil*.

The Bowen brothers, Sean and James, from Pembrokeshire, have rightly come in for a lot of praise of late and another young Welsh jockey this time from south Wales who has made a name for himself

is Bridgend's Connor Brace. Last Wednesday (December 12) he had two rides at Leicester and won on both of them.

Riding for his guv'nor, Gloucestershire trainer Fergal O'Brien, he won the Wigston Mares' Novices Handicap Hurdle on seven-year-old *Chilli Romance*, at seven the oldest horse in the race, and on the Philip Hobbs-trained *Dark Episode*, at four the youngest of the four runners, he took the Racing Excellence Training Series Conditionals' Novice Hurdle.

Chilli Romance came home nine lengths ahead of the Sean Bowen-partnered *Dyliev* and *Dark Episode* won by one-and-a-half lengths from *Skidoosh*. Both winners were returned at odds of 6-1.

EVAN'S 1-2

Evan Williams saddled two of the five runners in the Jim Hibbs Handicap Christmas Hurdle at Ffos Las on Monday (December 17) and they finished first and second.

First home was the top-weighted and recent winner *The Gipper* who finished eight lengths ahead of *Radical Archie* also a previous winner. *The Gipper*, who was ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, went off the 11-10 favourite.

Dai Rees' *Steel Native* won the ROA Racing Post Owners' Jackpot Handicap Chase finishing two lengths in front of the Evan Williams-trained *Sutter's Mill*.

Brian Lee

Barry and District Mens Skittle League

ALAN	Rosser	Cup:	264; Sea View 268, Witchill Nomads
GROUP A:	Royalists	244; Castle Boys 272, Exiles 263.	
284, Tynny Lads	283.	Table: Sea View 6, Castle	
Table: Barry Park B 2, Royalists	Boys 4, Exiles 2, Witchill		
2, Tynny Lads 0, Billy Whizz 0.	Nomads 0, Bunker Boys 0.		
GROUP B:	KP Rejects	GROUP G:	Witchill Poachers
341, Cannon Balls	337.	243, BP Breakaways 256; Willie	
Table: Park Lads 2, KP Rejects	Wombles 262, Park Rangers 269.		
2, British Rail 0, Cannon Balls 0.	Table: Willie Wombles 4, Park		
GROUP C:	Table: H Bells 2.	Rangers 4, BP Breakaways 2, Witchill	
Alternatives 0, 49ers 0, Hairy Lemons 0.	Poachers 0, Billy Bluebirds 0.		
GROUP D:	Glenbrook	GROUP H:	Ex Servicemen
Flyers 270, Cocoa Nuts 260.	258, Blue Monkey 306;		
Table: Mighty Dockers 2, Glenbrook	Merrymen 293, C.U.D. 232.		
Flyers 2, Geest 0, Cocoa Nuts 0.	Table: Merrymen 6,		
GROUP E:	Posties	C.U.D. 2, Blue Monkey 2, Ex	
281, Abercete	278.	Servicemen 0, Master Mariner 0.	
Table: Posties 2, Cavaliers	View all results and		
2, Colcot Boys 2, Abercete 0.	tables at barryleagues.co.uk		
GROUP F:	Exiles 274, Bunker Boys		JW

Bridge players try hands at national championship

BRIDGEND Bridge Club Players did well in Welsh Bridge Union national competitions played last weekend.

In the graded masters, Rob Forman and Alan Heath won their section and also topped the whole field playing the same boards. In the top section, the graded pairs, Tony Disley and Mike Pownall were second.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.

On Wednesday, December 12: first, Tony Disley and John Evans; second, Graham Jones and Irene Thomas; third, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and John Evans.

On Thursday, December 13 playing north/south: first, Christine and John Evans; second, Vida Harold and Glyn Williams; third David Newman and Chris Rawlings.

Playing east/west: first, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins; second, Christine and Geoff Tinkler; third Ivor Hicks and Maggie Ashpole. The winners on handicap playing north/south were David Newman and Chris

Rawlings, and playing east/west were Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

On Friday, December 14: first, Irene Wickham and Mari Jones; second, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; third, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan. The winners on handicap were Irene Wickham and Mari Jones.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm; to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

On Thursday at 1pm Steve Burgoyne will complete his series of seminars on signals and discards.

GJ

Public Notice

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 10 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at: Bryncastell, Land North of Llangewydd Road, Bridgend

Take notice that application is being made by:

Persimmon Homes West Wales
For planning permission to: **Residential development of 135 dwellings and associated infrastructure.**
Local Planning Authority: **Bridgend County Borough Council, Planning Department, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.**
Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signatory: K. Harrison
Date: 20.12.2018

Barrivale Bridge Club latest news

THE results for the Barrivale club night on December 11 are as follows:

The top three places: 1, Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah 58.75 per cent; 2, Denis Mottram and Hilary Morgan 57.92 per cent; 3, Mark Roderick and Peter Millar 57.50 per cent. The handicap winners were Pat Price and Allan Rees.

As always, we welcome new members at the club and a partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Please note: Tuesday Club night Bridge will resume after the Christmas break on January 8.

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17 67 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.0 SD4 290 Autobiography 5dr Automatic, Land Rover warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, 20" alloys, reverse camera, grey, 7k, full leather

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16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 T GDI GT-Line AWD 5dr, Kia warranty Aug 2023, sat nav, 19" alloys, full leather, choice

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16 66 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRD Premium 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty Sept 2021, sat nav, 19" alloys, cruise, privacy glass, 18k, black, full leather

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16 66 BMW X3 3.0 TDI XDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, 19" alloys, reverse camera, heated seats, 18k, red

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13 63 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 Cooper D All4 5dr, Privacy glass, Bluetooth, aux, usb, silver

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16 66 AUDI S3 2.0 TFSI Quattro 5dr, Audi warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, heated seats, 11k, black, half-leather

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17 67 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD GT-Line S 5dr Automatic, Kia warranty Oct 2024, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 13k, red, full leather

£22995



16 16 VOLVO XC60 2.4 D5 220 SE 5dr Automatic 4WD, Volvo warranty April 2019, sat nav, privacy glass, white, half-leather

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16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI BlueMotionTech R 5dr 4WD (300bhp), VW warranty June 2019, xenons, cruise, 15k, choice

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15 65 RANGEROVER EVOQUE 2.0 TD4 HSE Dynamic 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, 23k, met red, full leather

£19495



16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD GT-Line 5dr 4WD, Kia warranty Sept 2023, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 24k, black, full leather

£18995



16 16 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 3.0 CRD Summit 5dr 4x4 Automatic, Jeep warranty April 2019, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 20" alloys, met red, full leather

£23995

16 66 AUDI A4 ALLROAD 3.0 TDI Quattro Sport Estate S-Tronic, Audi warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, privacy glass, 21k, white, full leather.....

£26995

16 66 AUDI A7 3.0 TDI Quattro S-Line Black Edition 5dr Automatic, Audi warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, 21" alloys, 23k, Bose, white, full leather.....

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15 15 AUDI S3 2.0 TFSI Quattro 3dr S-Tronic, sat nav, pdc, Bluetooth, heated seats, red, full leather.....

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16 66 AUDI S3 2.0 TFSI Quattro 5dr, Audi warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, heated seats, 11k, black, half-leather.....

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16 66 AUDI S3 2.0 TFSI Quattro 3dr, Audi warranty Nov 2019, sat nav, heated seats, xenons, 23k, white, half-leather.....

£23995

15 65 AUDI Q3 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line Plus 5dr S-Tronic, sat nav, dab, heated seats, 33k, grey, half-leather.....

£20995

14 64 AUDI Q7 3.0 TDI Quattro S-Line Plus 5dr Tiptronic (7-Seater), sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, Bose sound system, 42k, grey, full leather.....

£28995

17 67 BMW 225 XE PHEV Sport Active Tourer 5dr 4WD Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 4k, black.....

£20995

16 66 BMW 335 D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic 4WD, BMW warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, 19" alloys, reverse camera, heated seats, 18k, red.....

£21995

15 64 BMW 420 DXDRIVE M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, pro sat nav, 19" alloys, Harman kardon, full leather, 26k, met black.....

£19995

16 16 BMW 420 DXDRIVE M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, 19" alloys, widescreen sat nav, 23k, met grey, full leather.....

£21995

16 16 BMW X1 2.0 DXDrive M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty June 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 24k, met white.....

£19995

16 16 BMW X3 30D M Sport XDRIVE 5dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2019, 19" alloys, sat nav, Bluetooth, 14k, grey.....

£24995

15 15 BMW X4 D XDRIVE XLine 4dr Automatic, sat nav, pdc, 26k, red, full leather.....

£21995

15 65 BMW X4 2.0 DXDrive M Sport 5dr Automatic, sat nav, 19" alloys, privacy glass, black, full leather.....

£20995

16 66 FORD EDGE 2.0 TDCI 210 Titanium 5dr Powershift 4WD, Ford warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, cruise, 19" alloys, reverse camera, black.....

£22495

16 66 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRD Premium 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty Sept 2021, sat nav, 19" alloys, cruise, privacy glass, 18k, black, full leather.....

£20995

16 16 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI BlueDrive Premium SE 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty July 2021, sat nav, pan roof, heated seats, reverse camera, 19" alloys, 21k, beige with full leather.....

£21495

17 67 JAGUAR F-PACE 3.0 DV6 S AWD 5dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Jan 2021, sat nav, 20" alloys, reverse camera, 9k, black, full leather.....

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15 15 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 CRDI Limited 5dr Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, choice, full leather.....

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15 65 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.2 MultiJet II 200 Limited 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 29k, choice, full leather.....

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17 67 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.2 MultiJet 200 Limited 5dr Automatic, Jeep warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy glass, 12k, black, full leather.....

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14 64 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 3.0 CRD Limited 5dr Automatic 4x4, reverse camera, dab, grey, full leather.....

£18495

16 16 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 3.0 CRD Summit 5dr 4x4 Automatic, Jeep warranty April 2019, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 20" alloys, met red, full leather.....

£23995

16 16 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 M-Jet II Longitude 5dr 4WD, Jeep warranty Sept 2019, sat nav, pan roof, 17" alloys, blue, 22k.....

£13995

18 68 KIA SORENTO 2.2 CRDI GT-Line S 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), Kia warranty Sept 2025, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, only 527 miles, grey, full leather.....

£34995

16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 T GDI GT-Line AWD 5dr, Kia warranty Aug 2023, sat nav, 19" alloys, full leather, choice.....

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16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 T-GDI GT-Line 5dr Automatic AWD, Kia warranty Sept 2023, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 24k, black, full leather.....

£18995

15 65 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-2 5dr 4WD, Kia warranty Oct 2022, pan roof, reverse camera, 31k, black, full leather.....

£14295

16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-4 AWD 5dr, sat nav, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 23k, met red, full leather.....

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16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD GT-Line 5dr 4WD, sat nav, 19" alloys, reverse camera, heated seats, 8k, white with full leather.....

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16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD KX-2 5dr Automatic 4WD, KIA warranty Oct 2023, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 24k, silver.....

£16995

16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI First Edition 5dr AWD Automatic, Kia warranty Oct 2023, pan roof, sat nav, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 24k, white, full leather.....

£21495

17 67 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD GT-Line S 5dr Automatic, Kia warranty Oct 2024, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 13k, red, full leather.....

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£7,995

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£6,295

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61 MINI One 1.6 in red, 34,000 miles, very nice example at
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£3,995

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£3,995

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£3,495

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News from On and Off The Turf...

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams had another long priced winner when his *Esprit Du Large* landed the Calvet Classic Maiden Hurdle at Uttoxeter on Tuesday (December 11).

A 12-1 chance in a field of 14 runners, *Esprit Du Large* partnered by Aidan Coleman, romped home 11 lengths ahead of the favourite the David Pipe trained *Eur Gone West*.

Welsh rider Sean Bowen riding his father Peter's top-weighted *Cougar's Gold* was an eight lengths winner of the At Uttoxeter Wit Handicap Chase.

CONNOR'S LEICESTER DOUBLE

CONNOR Brace had two rides at Leicester on Wednesday (December 12) and won with both of them.

Connor, 17, grandson of owner/trainer and breeder David Brace OBE of the Dunraven Stud in Pyle, landed the mares' novices hurdle on Fergal O'Brien's *Chili Romance* and the conditionals novices' hurdle on the Peter Hobbs-trained *Dark Episode*. Both horses were returned at odds of 6-1.

BYRON HOPING FOR Ffos LAS SUCCESS

COWBRIDGE'S Byron Moorcroft will be in action at next Sunday's (December 22) re-arranged Carmarthenshire Hunt Point-To-Point at Ffos Las Racecourse.

The new west Wales area public relations officer Steph Rogers writes: "The entries for the first of the west Wales meetings are high in both quantity and quality in what promises to be a fantastic day's racing."

"There are plenty of English raiders among those entered with *Sego Success* hoping to make a success of either The Timico Mixed Open or the CHC Conditions Race for Philip Rowley and Alex Edwards, along with *Arthur's Secret* and Robert Luke's former Grade 2 Cheltenham winner *Ordo Ab Chao* among the highly rated horses, who if all line up could make for a very high-class race."

"*All Great N Theory* is entered in the Conditions Race and will surely relish the soft ground but could face tough competition from the likes of the Alan Hill trained *Hawkhurst* and *Thegirlfrommillan*."

"The Mares and Fillies Maiden could see *Double Miss* improve on her third place finish at Howick

and Tom Ellis' *Jemma's Gift* could go one better than her last run at Barbury in November under Ladies' Champion Gina Andrews, who celebrated riding her 200th point to point winner last weekend at Cottenham.

"Of the 21 entered in the Open Maiden, Michael Bowen's *Hidden Cargo* looks the one to watch but Thomas Faulkner's reign of success could well continue with *Dino Boy*, the French bred gelding who was second on his debut last year."

"The Warwickshire raiders are out in force in this race with the Fred Hutsby trained *Howld Your Whistle* and *Destination Gold* making his racecourse debut, Tom Ellis has *Only A Tipple* and Francesca Nimmo's *Courtandbould* cannot be ignored giving the trainer's excellent strike rate in maidens."

The first race gets underway at 11.30am.

BIG ANNUAL 2018

JOHN Beasley's Big Annual 2018 is now available and this unique A4 hardback book captures as usual the atmosphere and excitement of racing between-the-flags in Great Britain.

The Vale's Andrew Quick has been granted two pages in which he recalls the highs and lows of his season.

Yours truly, who was interviewed by Beasley, and who has been reporting on the Welsh scene for the national and local press for more than half-a-century, recalls how he started his journalistic career by writing letters to magazines and newspapers.

Bridgend's Connor Brace, who has had a dream start to his racing career as a professional jockey, is just one of the Welsh riders along with the Vale's Charlie Price, Jack Tudor and Byron Moorcroft who figure among the 192 pages of this truly remarkable book.

There's a scenic scene of the Ystradowen track and it is sad to think that no longer will racing be taking place on this truly unique track that attracted thousands of racegoers over the years.

Also included are some cracking pictures taken at picturesque Lower Machen and, if the rumours are true that this year will be the last time that racing will be staged at this delightful track, then this would be a great loss to point-to-pointing in Wales.

For more information on the book call 01202 309489. **Brian Lee**

School's cross country team are Welsh champions!



IN November, the Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg cross country team for years 9 and 10 became Welsh Champions.

The team competed at the Welsh Schools Athletics in Aberhonddu. In the competition, all the girls had to run a distance of 3.6km each and their times were combined as it was a team sport. Moli Lyons, Gwenno Goode, Manon Pearce and Libby McKinney were awarded a gold medal.

In the race, Moli Lyons of year 10 became the Individual Welsh Champion. Of the experience she said: "It felt great, and was unexpected. I always enjoy

running, and train almost every day. However, I did not expect to become a Welsh Champion and take home the gold medal!"

Another member of the team, Gwenno Goode, came third in the competition even though she is in year 9; therefore Gwenno competed against girls who are a year older than her. She said: "I was very nervous beforehand, and never imagined that I would come even close to third place!" Gwenno hopes to compete again next year, when she will be older in the category.

Moli, who has experienced several successes in the past, dreams of representing her country one

day at the Olympic Games. The team said this experience has encouraged them to carry on competing. Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg has a successful Welsh Schools Athletics competition as the year 11 girls came second and the years 9 and 10 boys and years 7 and 8 girls came third.

Mr Beynon, PE teacher said: "I'm overwhelmed with their success, but they have worked very hard for this." As well as training with clubs, the teams train every morning before school in the extra-curricular running club. We all wish them pob lwc in the future!

Miss Heledd Lewis

More wet weather for golfing seniors

THE prolonged wet weather and soggy fairways and greens led St Mary's Golf Club's senior section to limit their first competition of the week to just 12 holes.

In a light but persistent drizzle, 27 of their number teed off in a Yellow Ball Stableford competition for teams of three.

The 'yellow ball' designation alternated between team members hole by hole and that player's score and the better of the other two were recorded.

The team of Eddie Fothergill, Ray Stacey and Andrew Lane claimed the victory with a net score of 53

points, five better than the equivalent par of 48 for two scores counting over 12 holes.

For their second competition of the week, the course had significantly dried but a short field of just 17 players braved a bitingly cold wind to tee off in yet another team competition.

Played in a stroke play scramble format, the event was once again limited to 12 holes by popular choice because of the frigid conditions.

Against a par of 45 over the 12 holes, the four-ball team of Bryant Thomas, Trefor Jones, Owen Maund and Phil Banks headed the leaderboard with an impressive net score of 39.

NL

Seaview Lads' Christmas competition

ON December 9, the lads held the first leg of their Christmas competition when high winds did not deter the regulars from turning up.

Although catches were not massive almost all weighed in, but sadly not a cod or whiting was landed. Dogfish, slugs and eels came to the scales and Steve Doble was squeezed into third place by regular top angler Paul Crook and crack matchman Roger Green.

Paul had a conger eel and pouting in his winning weight and Roger was close behind with a catch that included a good eel, while Steve's bag included the largest dogfish on the day which also won him the species pool.

In addition to top points in this leg of the competition, Paul won the Wyndham

Page trophy – at least he would have done, if anybody knew where it was!

December 16 is the second leg of the Christmas competition and will be fished over high water. In addition to the glory, the Eddie Frost trophy will be awarded to the winner on the day. For more details, come along to the Thursday meeting.

New members are welcome to apply to join the Seaview Lads and novices and experienced anglers are welcome. We fish weekly along the local shoreline and also have a healthy boat fishing section. Members also enjoy a busy social calendar, including fishing breaks across the UK and further afield, from the Canaries to the Arctic Circle.

To find out more, text Steve on 07870193331.

Results: First, A Harris, 8lb 11oz; second, R Green, 7lb 5oz; third, S Doble, 6lb 3oz.

Bridge results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for December 10 areas follows:

1st Glyn Williams and Vid a Halford 61.01 per cent; 2nd Christine Richmond and Hilary Morgan 60.12 per cent, and 3rd Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 57.44 per cent.

LE

Six of the best sees Vets into semi-finals

THIS convincing 6-0 Wales Veterans Over-50s Cup win by the Barry Vets FC saw them breeze into the semi-finals.

In their best team performance of the season, they dominated every facet of the game at Leckwith. In front of commanding gloveman Harding, Hill, Staddon, Averies and Stait were consummate while the midfield of Huish, Price, James and Dupuy were physical, determined and creative.

Up front White and Bobbett proved a handful for the opposition rearguard and it was the latter who opened the scoring, nimbly rounding Llantrisant keeper Rob Dunn to slot home. Dupuy took the hosts into a 2-0 lead at half-time with a sumptuous lob.

After the interval, Barry continued to control matters and extended their lead when Bobbett scored his second and then completed his hat-trick to take the man-of-the-match honours – a huge achievement for a player approaching his 61st birthday!

White scored with an unstoppable header



ABOVE: Mike Bobbett.

and Price concluded the scoring with a 30 metre dribble and shot. The scoreline could have been greater but for the heroics of Llantrisant keeper Dunn who denied Rutherford, Huish and Wills late on.

Player manager Jimmy Blackie was delighted with the win commenting: "With this level of performance we can look forward to the semi-final against Cwmbran on February 3 with real confidence, but before then we have the over-50s league and the over-55s league and cup to contend with." For more information on the club, visit clubwebsite.co.uk/barryvetsfc/Home.

AH

Dinas Powys Golf Club's ladies section results

ON November 23, we had our presentation night and our ladies club champion for 2018, Mrs Lisa Ryley, was presented with her trophy and a voucher.

Samantha Saunders won the Bronze Championship and golfer of the year was jointly won by Ruth Yates and Sue Bridle; nine hole golfer of the year was Dorothy Amery.

On November 6, Turkey Trot Two, a 9 hole Stableford was held:- 1st Audrey Harwood 18 pts, 2nd Ruth Yates 17 pts, 3rd Terry Unwin 16 pts.

On November 13, Turkey Trot Three, a nine hole Medal:- 1st Ann Mahenthalingam 41-6.5=34.5 nett, 2nd Ruth Yates 47-11.5=35.5, 3rd Maxine Hird 46-10.5=35.5.

On November 20, Turkey Trot 4, a nine hole Stableford:- 1st Ruth Yates 19 pts, 2nd Sam Saunders 18 pts, 3rd Maxine Hird 18 pts.

3rd Maxine Hird 15 pts on back three from Annie Blackburn. Visitors Results: 1st Rita Howells 21 pts, 2nd Gil Evans 20 pts, 3rd Alison Greig 19pts on back six from Kath Hobbs 19 pts.

Nearest the Pin on 18th hole was Maria Woods. We were so pleased that everyone enjoyed the golf and the mulled wine and mince pies.

On December 11, a nine hole Texas Scramble: 1st Ann Mahenthalingam, Sian Smith, Annie Blackburn 37-4.33=32.67, 2nd Sue Bridle, Samantha Saunders, Maxine Hird 38-4.92=33.08, 3rd Ruth Yates, Audrey Harwood 42-6.13=35.87.

Eclectic Results from October 16 to December 4: 1st Lisa Ryley 34-3.75=30.25, 2nd Maxine Hird 37-5.25=31.75, 3rd Samantha Saunders 38-5.25=32.75.

Congratulations to all ladies and a big thank you to Annie Blackburn who has just retired from the office of Competitions Secretary after nine years and can look forward to just playing golf!

RY

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Poor conditions see Tondur RFC defeated by Skewen

ON a dark and miserable afternoon, with the floodlights on to start, it's quite remarkable how the referee allowed this match between Tondur and Skewen to get under way.

It was Skewen that managed to hold on to the bar of soap the longest in the early stages to score in the corner through right wing Luke Hughes.

The conditions were getting worse by the minute, and it was clear at the outset that this was not going to be a high-scoring encounter, as both sides struggled to hold on to the ball.

Josh Tatchell landed



Josh Tatchell draws plenty of attention from the Skewen defenders. PICTURE BY GARETH ANTHONY.

a penalty for the home side midway through the first half, and that was the end of the scoring before both sides ran

for the sanctuary of the dressing rooms at the half-time whistle. The second half saw more and more spectators

of rugby.

Anthony Busselli slotted a penalty for the visitors on 55 minutes, and another towards the end, to which Tatchell responded with one for the home side.

Time then ran out for Tondur as they slipped to a narrow defeat after having a try disallowed in each half.

Tondur are in action again on December 29 when they travel to Kenfig Hill to take on the Mules.

The youth team's game at Nantymoel fell victim to the weather on Saturday and the seconds and Titans were also not in action.

Mike Sully

Tae Kwon Do champions shine at championships



Johnathan, Cathal and Jay from the Neil Gimbel Tae Kwon Do Club competed in the Welsh National Championship in Newport recently.

Bridgend Sports under-13s are up for the Ospreys Cup



BRIDGEND Sports under-13s ventured into the Ospreys Cup for the first time as they hosted Tonna in the first round at home on Sunday.

With the competition operating on a straight knock-out basis this season, there was everything to play for, as winner took all.

The Sports soon learned that cup games are different when Tonna took an early lead. They broke out of defence, kicked ahead for their winger to chase and gather then sprint in for a try which was started in their own 22.

At 5-0 down, the Sports needed to respond quickly and the ball was worked quickly to Callum Lewis at inside centre, he spotted a gap in the defence. He was quick to exploit it and outpace the defence for a try to level the scores.

Cian John put the Sports in front after forwards Mason Balmer and Megan Lewis did the groundwork to provide quality ball, Cian John then made a break to

Pilliner added the conversion to put the Sports 12-5 up.

It wasn't long before Tonna narrowed the gap to two points. They conceded a penalty which Tonna kicked for field position, the lineout was a bit scrappy, but they managed to move it wide for their winger to run in the try.

The Sports needed a spark and Connor Jones provided the fire, as he used his strength and speed to power his way past defenders to score two tries that were converted for the Sports to lead 26-10 at half-time.

In the second half Megan Lewis broke from a ruck to gain ground; Ben King was on hand to switch the angle of attack and then use his strength to power over the line for the opening score of the half. Cian John added the conversion.

Tonna were soon back under pressure on their own line and when they failed to clear, Connor Jones was on hand to snap up loose ball on the line and ground it to extend the Sports lead to 38-10.

The Sports relaxed again and fell off some

tackles. This allowed Tonna a try before Connor Jones scored another try. He broke from a scrum to help his team restore the 28 point gap. Cian John converted to extend the lead to 45-15.

Sports had the final say when Connor Jones broke away then linked with his winger Tom Chick who rounded his opposite number and stretched his legs to sprint in from halfway for a fine final try to extend the lead to 50-15. His side had enjoyed their first round venture in the Ospreys Cup and will look forward to seeing who they meet next when the second round draw is made in early January.

Squad: Abi Davies Jones; Ben King; Callum Jones; Callum Lewis; Cian John; Connor Jones; Dylan Morgan; Iestyn John; Ieuan Pilliner; Jack Morgan; Jodie Keane; Mackenzie Dent; Mason Balmer; Megan Lewis; Molly Prance; Theo Clarke; Thomas Chick; Thomas Coles; Tyler Burton and Will Ellis.

SP

News from the Porthcawl Bridge Club

DURING the past two weeks Porthcawl Bridge Club embraced the Christmas spirit.

A splendid Christmas party was catered by Jane Morgan who provided an excellent buffet, followed by a competition for the Barrie Robinson salver which is competed for annually in memory of a previous club chairman, and was won by Gary and Pat.

There was also a 'Christmas Pudding' night, with the club presenting puddings to the winners, Tony and Keith.

The latest results from the club are as follows:

Saturday, December 1: First, Trish Saunders and Connie Dick; second: Pat Roper and Tony Haworth.

Thursday, December 6, Christmas Party and Barrie Robinson Salver: Winners, Pat Haworth and Gary Williams; runners-up, John Beard and Rob Charlesworth.

Saturday, December 8: First: Dil and Marian Evans; second, Norma and Dave Newman. Thursday, December 13, Christmas Pudding night: First, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second, Gary Williams and Pat Haworth.

Saturday, December 15: First, John Beard and Tony Haworth; second,

Janet Richards and Trish Saunders.

Over the festive season, the club will be closed on December 27 and December 29. All are welcome to the New Year's party on January 5.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays 6.45 p.m. - 9.45 p.m., and on Saturdays 3.15pm-6.15pm and visitors are welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary Trish, on 01656 785794.

TH

Ath announce rescheduled league games

DUE to the weekend's poor weather, Bridgend Athletic RFC senior and youth sides were not in action.

However, the following games have been rescheduled as follows:

Dinas Powys v Bridgend Athletic, February 9, kick off 1pm (away) ahead of Italy v Wales, which kicks off at 5.45pm; Bridgend Athletic v Rhiwbina April 6, 2.30pm (home); St. Josephs v Bridgend Athletic, April 13, 2.30pm (away).

AB

New structure announced for Wales Rugby League's management

PAUL Chambers has been appointed the new general manager for Wales Rugby League following Chris Thair's departure to the Rugby League European Federation last month.

The 50-year-old, who was previously in the position of WRL National Development Manager, has already begun his new role.

A former professional with London Broncos, Chambers had previously worked in Australia's NRL as their Coach Education Development Manager, as well as being a Rugby League Development

Coordinator at a school in Queensland working alongside Brisbane Broncos.

The National Development Manager role will now be split into three part-time positions with Peter Tiffin from Trimsaran taking charge in south-west Wales, Rob Davies from Cwmbran in south-east Wales and a north Wales part-time position to be appointed in the New Year.

IG

Ryan's run to Scottish Open quarter-finals

BRIDGEND'S Ryan Day enjoyed a fine run to the quarter-finals of the Scottish Open in Glasgow before losing to a fellow Welshman.

The 38-year-old from Pontycymer matched his performance at last month's Northern Ireland Open in reaching the last eight.

He beat Rhys Clark 4-3, Anthony Hamilton 4-1, Zhang Anda 4-2 and Ding Junhui 4-2 before falling 5-1 to Daniels Wells from Neath.

Wells is ranked only 66th in the world and this was his best tournament performance despite going on to lose 6-5 to Northern Ireland's Mark Allen in the semi-finals after leading 5-2.

Day is ranked 13th in the world and has won over £1.5 million in a 20-year professional career.

He has made over 350 century breaks, including a maximum 147, and won two ranking events and two non-ranking.

Michael Prosser

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